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TO: S/P - Mr. Walt W. Rostow

FROM: O/FM - Raymond L. Garthoff

SUBJECT: Dissent to One Proposition in the "Soviet Scenario
for Post-Cuban Negotiations with the US"

I feel I should record my dissent to one important proposition contained in the "Soviet Scenario for Post-Cuban Negotiations with the US" which you submitted to the Executive Committee of the NSC on November 2. I participated in the work of the group chaired by Mr. Harvey which prepared the paper, though other urgent commitments prevented me from attending all of its meetings. I am perhaps somewhat detached from this paper to be permitted the comment that I think it is a very useful, imaginative, and generally sound analysis.

The proposition to which I cannot agree is

This view is not in accord with the judgments of the National Intelligence Estimate, but I am concerned here only with expressing my strong personal reservations.

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General disarmament is not the only alternative. A continuation of efforts by familiar political, economic, and military means to advance the position of the USSR according to opportunities which offer the best returns is much more likely. It is important that we continue to make the military path unappealing. By assuming that we do, as we have been, there is, in my view, no reason to suppose that the Soviets are compelled by an unreasonable compulsion to subordinate all other considerations to a single-minded pursuit of the chimera of military superiority.

cc: C - Mr. Johnson
S/AL - Mr. Thompson
C/PI - Mr. Kitchen
S/P - Mr. Harvey

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